

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NO. WRU-99-14-225
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ORDER REQUIRING REPORT

(Issued May 28, 1999)

On April 12, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for waiver of IOWA CODE §§ 476.76 and 476.77 (1999) and IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-chapter 32 (1999), the reorganization statutes and rules. UtiliCorp plans to merge St. Joseph Light & Power Company, a Missouri gas and electric company with 66,000 customers in northwest Missouri, with and into UtiliCorp. UtiliCorp will be the surviving corporation.

The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a conditional objection and response on April 20, 1999. Consumer Advocate said it needed to conduct discovery to ascertain whether the application for waiver should be granted. Consumer Advocate asked the Board to hold this matter in abeyance until discovery is completed.

Counsel for the Board has been in contact with counsel for UtiliCorp and Consumer Advocate. The discovery requested by Consumer Advocate will not be ready until about the time UtiliCorp files for regulatory approval of the merger in Missouri. UtiliCorp will likely file for Missouri approval later this summer. The Board

therefore will not act on the waiver request at this time but will require the parties to notify the Board when discovery is completed. If discovery is not completed on or before September 1, 1999, the parties will be required to file a joint report detailing the status of discovery.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

UtiliCorp United Inc. and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice shall notify the Board when discovery is complete in this docket. In the event discovery is not finished on or before September 1, 1999, the parties shall file a joint report indicating what discovery is remaining and the likely timetable for completion of that discovery.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of May, 1999.